

## **CITY OF MEDINA**

### **Park Board Meeting**

*March 21, 2005  
7:00 p.m.*

*Medina City Hall  
501 Evergreen Point Road*

#### **Call to Order**

March 21, 2005, Park Board meeting called to order by Chair, Connie Gerlitz, 7:06 pm.

#### **Roll Call**

##### Present:

Chair Connie Gerlitz, Vice Chair Lisa Fleischman  
Boardmembers Steve Brustkern, Roger Ngouenet, Heija Nunn, Karen Sparks,  
and Susannah Stuart

##### Staff Present:

Joe Willis, Director of Public Works; Rachel Baker, Administrative Assistant

#### **Announcements (7:06 pm)**

Ngouenet announced he volunteered to maintain park board portion of city commissioned website and intends to make website more user-friendly.

#### **Minutes**

BOARD AGREED BY COMMON CONSENT TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 9, 2005 PARK BOARD MINUTES, 7:09 PM.
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#### **Audience Participation**

##### Lucius Biglow, 2425 Evergreen Point Road, Medina (7:10 pm)

Biglow reported Morey Wetherald, a former Hunts Point councilmember, often photographs herons in Medina Park. Biglow indicated Wetherald offered to show his photographs to the Park Board and asked if the board would like to sponsor a program, suggesting it would be good public relations for Medina Park. Biglow volunteered to forward boardmembers materials from Wetherald.

Biglow further stated enforcement, rather than new rules are the main issue concerning Medina Park. Biglow announced a new program, designed by

residents, would enforce current ordinance regulations, including complaints about dog waste. Biglow suggested placing program on a future agenda for board discussion.

Allyson Jackson, 7633 NE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Medina (7:13 pm)

Jackson requested a list of criteria, which would be used to re-evaluate the dog ordinance. She indicated the city manager informed her the criteria would be available during the beginning of 2005.

Jackson said there are numerous ideas in the community about how to ensure Medina Park could be a park for everyone and indicated she would like to see the Park Board create a forum or other formalized process to formulate a plan for improving Medina Park.

### **Park Updates (7:18 pm)**

Sparks informed boardmembers she received an email message from Pat Crickmore, Public Works Supervisor, regarding suspected beaver activity in Medina Park, which confirmed damage was made primarily to immature trees or trees scheduled to be removed. Willis said the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife would be contacted for removal and relocation of the animal and verified the willow tree in the park will be removed.

Stuart announced goose droppings have increased at Medina Beach and informed board of lace bug damage to rhododendrons and azaleas in Medina. Stuart suggested aggressive spraying to prevent further destruction from lace bugs. Gerlitz requested Willis to email an update to boardmembers regarding lace bug situation after he speaks to the crew and determines if spraying can commence to control infestation.

Gerlitz requested Willis research costs associated with employing a dog to control goose droppings at beach park and provide follow up at next meeting. Gerlitz indicated item would be placed on next meeting agenda for discussion.

### **Old Business**

2005 Budget Update (7:22 pm)

Gerlitz moved discussion item to next meeting.

2005 Work Plan (7:23 pm)

Gerlitz initiated discussion requesting project updates for 2005 Work Plan items.

- *Parking Lots: Medina Park*

Willis distributed lot designs and discussed improvement ideas. During discussion members provided the following suggestions:

- Disabled parking  
Willis said stalls one, and eleven or nineteen could be designated for disabled parking.
- Large, wide parking spaces to accommodate families, dogs and large vehicles
- Dog wash and/or hose in lot to clean dogs after park use
- Consistent lot design for both parking lots
- Leave design decision to experts for one-way versus two-way access

Willis indicated a small works bid would be placed, but a design and plan must be determined prior to obtaining quotes from contractors.

- *Parking Lot: Fairweather Nature Preserve (7:39 pm)*

Willis circulated existing and draft designs to boardmembers. Following discussion, board provided the following recommendations:

- Wide and accommodating parking spaces
- Disabled parking placement beside concrete practice pad
- Discretely marked parking stalls
- Sign installation to deter park and ride parking
- Water fountain/dog wash station replacement

Willis offered to research fountain replacement costs and designs.

Gerlitz suggested boardmembers visit Fairweather, inspect practice pad, and be prepared to discuss practice pad placement at next meeting.

- *Signs (7:54 pm)*

- Medina Park

Willis conveyed his crew would like guidance and direction regarding sign design from Park Board. The board recommended sign consolidation utilizing an understated, naturalistic and unique design.

- Five Corners

Board indicated city council would ultimately decide on sign design for five-corners location, but would provide recommendations to council based on re-landscaping improvements and sign research.

Brustkern volunteered to obtain signage ideas and Ngouenet offered to research the web for more examples. Additionally, Gerlitz asked Willis to locate examples and bring to future meeting.

- Fairweather Nature Preserve  
Discussion postponed until next meeting.

### Medina Beach Park Update

- Outlook Area Benches (8:13 pm)

Willis circulated OTAK bench designs, describing idea to place four, four-foot benches in an arc pattern and asked board to provide preferences for bench design.

Board tended towards a curved placement of three or four teak benches, unless enough donations were procured for two custom-made benches. Willis indicated he would provide more information at a future meeting.

- Bulkhead Restoration Project (8:15 pm)

Willis distributed and explained handout of most current drawing, designed by the Corps of Engineers. Willis conveyed the design would not serve the best interest of Medina, would not be cost effective and would not be within budget.

Willis reported he contacted Waterfront Construction to obtain a bid on bulkhead replacement, which would have a different design and would be based on affordability and safety. Willis indicated he expects to receive the proposal soon and suggested applying for all permits shown in drawings, although all the proposed work (bulkhead, docks) would not be required to be completed simultaneously.

Discussion followed.

### **Other Business**

#### Vision statement (8:27 pm)

Gerlitz indicated the Vision Statement is not a legal document and would like it posted on the city's website, but would email council to determine if there would be any objection first.

Criteria for Dog Ordinance Re-evaluation (8:30 pm)

Boardmembers engaged in discussion regarding Jackson's earlier participation and determined the board is open and accessible monthly for community input, response and communication. Board also determined the criteria formulation is not a Park Board responsibility. Fleischman suggested placement of a comment box or comment station in Medina Park as another method to obtain public input.

Gerlitz offered to respond on behalf of the Park Board to Jackson regarding comments addressed and suggested placing ordinance re-evaluation criteria on agenda at future meeting if necessitated by council.

MOTION SPARKS, SECOND NUNN, FOR PARK BOARD TO PRESENT ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL WHEN DOG ORDINANCE IS RECONSIDERED BY COUNCIL, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, MOTION FAILED, 8:58 PM.

**New Business**

Resident Letter (9:09 pm)

Board discussed letter submitted by resident, Thomas Bacher. Gerlitz asked Willis to speak to crew about noxious weed growth in Medina and provide a report at the next meeting. Gerlitz also suggested members visit areas and identify weeds noted in letter before the next meeting. Gerlitz offered to respond to Mr. Bacher, indicating the board will look into the issues addressed in letter.

Arbor Day (9:12 pm)

Sparks questioned if Medina will honor Arbor Day. Willis said a tree would be planted in Medina Park on Arbor Day and will notify board by next meeting of ceremony details. Willis also stated the upcoming newsletter would provide information regarding Arbor Day.

Gerlitz suggested Arbor Day celebration information should be posted on the city's website and asked Ngouenet to post in Medina Discussion Group.

Resident Proposal (9:14 pm)

Lucius Biglow presented board a memo proposing committee designed to assist with enforcement of dog ordinance. Gerlitz informed Mr. Biglow and board that she and Mayor Odermat plan to discuss proposal with Mr. Biglow over lunch and indicated item could be placed on the next meeting agenda.

## **Adjournment**

MOTION BRUSTKERN, SECOND FLEISCHMAN TO ADJOURN FEBRUARY 9, 2005 PARK BOARD MEETING, UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, 9:16 PM.

March 21, 2005 Park Board meeting adjourned, 9:16 pm.

Next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2005; 7:00 pm.

Minutes taken by:

Rachel Baker  
Administrative Assistant